

# Keeping in Touch

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## The National United Church Women

### Walking in the Holy Spirit's Power

“For we walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7, KJV)

As your new president I bring you greetings for the new year. May God bless you, your family, and your church, with love and peace. Walk in the Holy Spirit's power and be amazed by what God can do.

In this time of change, remember, we are not alone, God is with us. We are continually changing, but God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

### 55th Bread Not Stones Initiative

Our Bread Not Stones initiative came to an end September, but work on child poverty continues. Our gratitude and thanks to all the women who took time out of their busy lives to make dolls, knock on doors, write letters, and to present dolls to people who can make changes to children's lives. It was a very worthwhile and successful project. Learn more at [www.united-church.ca](http://www.united-church.ca) and [www.endchildpoverty.ca](http://www.endchildpoverty.ca).



Photo: Margery Wright

### Women for Change, Zambia

The National United Church Women have decided on a new project for our 60th anniversary. It is Woman for Change (WfC) Zambia: *Never Accept Poverty, Unite and Fight It*. We will be partnering with Mission & Service. Learn about Women for Change at [www.wfc.org.zm](http://www.wfc.org.zm), and watch for updates on the United Church website. The project will continue until the anniversary celebrations in 2022.

### Mission & Service

A great big thank you and congratulations goes out to you and your local units. In 2017, the UCW gave **\$1,220,000** to Mission & Service! We continue to live our purpose and faith. Please, keep praying and supporting that wonderful part of our church.

### 60th Anniversary of United Church women

Our 60th anniversary is fast approaching. Maritime Conference is hosting it **Sydney, Nova Scotia**, in 2022. More information will be forthcoming as it becomes available. Start saving your loonies and toonies, because we will be celebrating down-home eastern style, and you won't want to miss it.



Thursday in Black at UCW AGM.

### National AGM

Our AGM was held in the beautiful setting of Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga, ON, September 17 to 21. What a wonderful week of worship and fellowship. It was a time of sharing our faith, our concerns, and our hope for the future of our wonderful organization. Although there are uncertainties in front us, we are not alone. God has promised to never leave or forsake us. Trust God and lean on God's strength. God will lead us through all the changes.

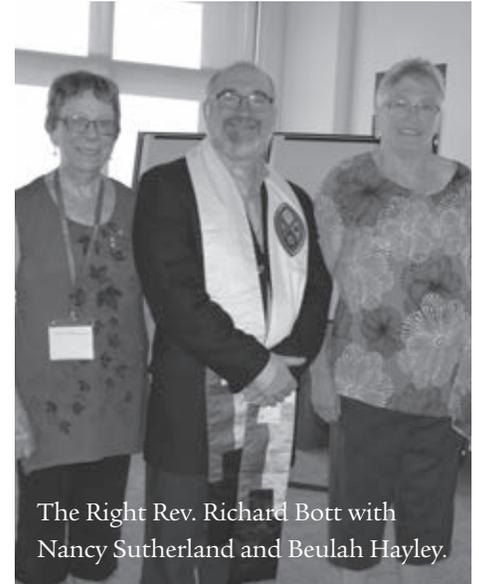
Amy Crawford did a wonderful Bible study based on Revelations

21:1-6. God gives us three promises in that reading. 1. God is doing a new thing. 2. God is with us. 3. Even our pain, our tears, and sorrows will be wiped away. Be not afraid.

We wore black on Thursday to show support for an end to gender-based violence. On Friday, we wore red to show support for our forces and veterans.

The Rev. Michael Blair and Nancy Sutherland took part in my installation as National President. The Rev. Blair impressed on me that God had many surprises in store for me if I listen for God's voice.

The Moderator, the Right Rev. Dr. Richard Bott, was our last guest for the week. He told us a little about himself and also led the closing worship. Take any opportunities to hear him speak. He is a wonderful faithful servant of God. He also holds the UCW in high regard.



The Right Rev. Richard Bott with Nancy Sutherland and Beulah Hayley.

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### Thank You and Reminders

Thank you to all Conferences that sent in \$1.00 from their members. All cheques must be made out The United Church of Canada, marked "donations for NUCW."

Thank you for those that prayed for me; please continue. I would not be able to do this without God leading me.

May all of God's blessings be upon you as you journey through the season of uncertainties.

Walking in the Holy Spirit's Power,

**Beulah Hayley**

*National United Church Women*



Beulah Hayley's Installation (left to right) Karen Hansen, Gardner, Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle, Beulah Hayley, Nancy Sutherland and Rev. Michael Blair.

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